(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to round-off these elements and stop anti-national activities; and

(c) the details of the progress made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) : (a) to (c) One recent case of a terrorist module belonging to Jaish-E-Mohammed (JeM) having links with the students operating from Western Uttar Pradesh has come to notice. This module has been busted by the U.P Police in association with the Central agencies with the killing of Manzur Dar, Pakistani JeM District Commander for Baramulla in Jammu and Kashmir at Noida (U.P.) on March 12, 2003. In this connection, four students studying in Western U.P. have been arrested and incriminating items of terrorist hardware recovered from them. Cases have been registered against these students under the relevant laws.

Hovercrafts used by the Army and Navy

*475. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army and/or Navy use Hovercrafts;

(b) if so. how many Hovercrafts are inducted in the Army and Navy; and

(c) if not, whether the Ministry intends to induct Hovercrafts in the Army and Navy for their amphibious operations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) of the Question.

(c) No, Sir.

List of BPL families

*479. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:

SHRMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court of India has asked the Union Government to file an affidavit in response to an allegation that the Central Government has